Washington State Enhanced 911 Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2010 130 PM – 4:00 PM Camp Murray, WA

Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Bill Peters, Chairperson, Columbia County E911
Dan Hally, Vice-Chair, Asotin County E911
Joannie Bjorge, Wahkiakum County Sheriff's Office
Lynn Palmer, RiverCom 911
Wade Reuther, Grays Harbor E911
Angie Venturato, Pierce County GIS
Jean Nealy, Pierce County E911
Dave Cox, Skamania County
John Diamond, Island County

Subcommittee Members Attending via Conference Phone:

Darlene Mainwaring, Kittitas County E911

E911 State Office in Attendance:

Bruce Baardson and Kim Wilson

Approval of March meeting Minutes:

Group Dynamics-it was thought there needed to be more discussion on what the purpose of the committee is. After the changes, the minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Mission Discussion:

Added to the Mission Statement – New statement now reads "Assess, analyze, and recommend interim and long term NG911 and GIS solutions and explore partnerships to enhance interoperability."

New Business:

Ideas to think about:

- Should we concentrate on a County or State methodology for GIS?
- The committee should look at all possibilities
- GIS interoperability throughout the state is a worthwhile goal
- What would be the funding mechanism for changes to GIS?

- How do we incorporate data from counties that border other states/countries?
- How do we share this resource with our Road Department / Public Works and other partners?
- Need to look at Regionalization Projects (Whitman/Asotin)
- Everyone is coordinating with the same data. Need to ensure everyone is doing this the same way.
- Need to coordinate with other partners so everyone is heading the same direction.
- Pierce County is developing a county-wide standard. Island County and surrounding area are doing the same type of mapping (loading their own); they update once a year.
- With the "cloud" everything should be interoperable?
- Is it important to know who is doing PSAP data? State office may want to look at funding a dedicated PSAP GIS person.
- Need to dedicate 911 dollars for GIS and ensure that it is used for this purpose only. Could envision a statewide project, even though this could be a huge and costly project.

The Subcommittee started to work on developing a questionnaire to send out to the County Coordinators. Dan Hally has volunteered to wordsmith the questionnaire and will send it out using "Survey Monkey". The group would like to give Dave Irwin a chance to review the survey for his input.

TeleAtlas – Who is using it? From the outlook of the group, it sounds like many are not. One of the concerns is there are no updates available except when the state sends out a new copy.

Pierce County may be the model for the state.

Bill Peters and Joannie Bjorge attended a webinar. They will give an update of what it was about. Joannie's GIS person got some information out of it. She will send the .pdf version to the group.

Will be checking with Dave Irwin for an update on the Yahoo group when he returns.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2010 at 1:30 at Camp Murray.

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